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PLANT PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL
(new non-provisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Transmitted herewith for filing is the plant patent application of:

INVENTORS: Cees A. van der VOORT

or APPLICATION IDENTIFIER (must include alphanumeric codes if no inventors named)

TITLE: LILY PLANT NAMED 'CORSO'

In connection with this application, the following are enclosed:

APPLICATION ELEMENTS:

☒ **Specification - Total Pages 8** (two (2) copies required - 37 CFR 1.163(b))

- Descriptive title of the invention (with Plant's name)
- Cross References to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed Sponsored R & D
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings
- Detailed Botanical Description
- Claim (only one (1) permitted MPEP 1605)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

-1- Sheet of Drawings (color) (two (2) copies required - 37 CFR 1.165(b))

☒ **Declaration, Power of Attorney**

☒ **Newly Executed** (original or copy)

☐ **Copy from a prior application** (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Continuing Application section completed)

☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)** - Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

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The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under the above section, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS:

- ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documents(s)). Assignment to: **VLETTER & DEN HAAN BEHEER B.V.**
- ☐ Plant Color Coding Sheet
- ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee)
- ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(IDS) with PTO-1449. ___ Copies of IDS Citations
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
- ☒ Small Entity Statement
- ___ Statement filed in prior application. Status still proper and desired.
- ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Documents(s) with Claim of Priority.
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Respectfully submitted,

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**VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 CFR 1.9(F) & 1.27(C)) – SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

Docket Number: 082671/0118

Applicant or Patentee: Cees A. van der VOORT
Serial or Patent No.: New U.S. Plant Patent Application
Filed or Issued: _____
Title: LILY PLANT NAMED 'CORSO'

I hereby declare that I am

- ☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:
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NAME OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN VLETTER & DEN HAAN BEHEER B.V.
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I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.12, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of that statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention described in:

- ☒ the specification filed herewith with title as listed above.
☐ the application Serial No. _____
☐ the Patent No. _____ issued _____

If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights in the invention must file separate verified statements averring to their status as small entities, and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d), or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

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TITLE OF PERSON IF OTHER THAN OWNER Director
ADDRESS OF PERSON SIGNING Oegstgeesterweg 202A, Rijnsburg, the Netherlands
SIGNATURE [Signature] DATE 3 February 2000

VERIFIED STATEMENT
CLAIMING SMALL
ENTITY STATUS

LILY PLANT NAMED 'CORSO'

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention comprises a new and distinct cultivar of lily plant, botanically known as *Lilium L.*, and hereinafter referred to by the cultivar name 'Corso'.

'Corso' is a product of a planned breeding program which had the objective of creating new lily cultivars having large erected flowers and vigorous growth.

10 'Corso' was originated from a hybridization made by the inventor in a controlled breeding program in Rijnsburg, the Netherlands in 1993. The male and female parents were unnamed seedlings of *Lilium L.* oriental hybrids. Both parents are proprietary cultivars used in the breeding program.

15 'Corso' was discovered and selected as one flowering plant within the progeny of the stated cross by the inventor, Cees A. van der Voort, in May 1993 in a controlled environment in Rijnsburg, the Netherlands.

20 The first act of asexual reproduction of 'Corso' was accomplished when scales were taken from the initial selection in October 1995 in a controlled environment in Rijnsburg, the Netherlands by, or under the supervision of, Cees A. van der Voort. Horticultural examination of selected units initiated in May, 1995 has demonstrated that the combination of characteristics as herein disclosed for 'Corso' are firmly fixed and are retained through successive generations of asexual reproduction.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The following traits have been repeatedly observed and are determined to be basic characteristics of 'Corso' which in combination distinguish this lily as a new and distinct cultivar:

1. large, erect flowers;
2. slim tepals with curled edges;
3. intense pink color with contrasting yellow-green mid-vein; and
4. vigorous growth habit.

'Corso' has not been observed under all possible environmental conditions. The phenotype of the new cultivar may vary significantly with variations in environment such as temperature, light intensity, and daylength without any change in genotype. The following observations, measurements, and comparisons describe plants grown in the experimental research station CPRO-DLO, Wageningen, the Netherlands under conditions which approximate those generally used in commercial practice.

Of the many commercial cultivars known to the present inventor, no other cultivars are similar in comparison to 'Corso'.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

The accompanying color photographic illustration shows typical plant and flower characteristics of 'Corso', with colors being as true as possible with illustrations of this type.

DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

In the following description, color references are made to The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Colour Chart. The color values were determined between 12 pm and 2 pm in May 1999 at the experimental research station CPRO-DLO, Wageningen, the Netherlands.

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ORIGIN: Selected crossing from a controlled hybridization program

PARENTAGE:

Female parent: Unnamed seedling

Male parent: Unnamed seedling

CLASSIFICATION:

Botanical: A hybrid of the genus *Lilium* L.

Commercial: Oriental Lily cv. 'Corso'

PLANT:

Form: A single stem carrying numerous, alternately arranged pedicels

Height: Medium for the mature plant, approximately 100 cm, depending on cultivation conditions

Growth Habit: Vigorous

Stem: Circular in transverse section; anthocyanin pigmentation present in spots and stripes; internodal length uniform

FOLIAGE:

Quantity: Approximately 35 - 45, depending on cultivation conditions

Size of leaf: Medium, approximately 8½ cm long and 2½ cm wide, depending on cultivation conditions

Shape of leaf: Generally ovate

5 Texture: Hardly any pubescence

Color: Medium green

Bulb:

Size: 16 to 18 cm in circumference

Color: White/pink

BUD:

Form: Tapering like a lancet

Size: Large, 8 cm in length, depending on cultivation conditions

Opening: Unfolds normally in standard cultivation conditions

15 Color: Light red-purple, RHS 66D, with gray shading just before opening

Tepals: Folded, three visible

FLOWER:

Blooming habit: Raceme

20 Size: Large, approximately 19 cm, depending on cultivation conditions

Borne: Erect along a longitudinal axis

Shape: Generally, hexagonal star in form and bowl-shaped in cross-section

Tepalage:

Number of Tepals: 6

Arrangement: Three inner and three outer

Color:

Upper Surface: Red-purple, RHS 66C, yellowish-green mid-vein

Lower Surface: Red-purple, RHS 66C

5 Spotting or Marking: Dark-purple spots and markings are present

Pedice:

Length: Medium to long, approximately 6 cm, depending on cultivation conditions

Form: Tapering like a lancet

10 Texture: Papillose

Disease Resistance: Medium

Fragrance: Present

Lasting Quality: Excellent

15 REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS:

Stamens and anthers:

Arrangements: Anthers form a generally circular pattern at their upper ends

Number: 6

20 Length: Short to medium, depending on cultivation conditions

Filaments Color: Yellowish-green

Pollen color: Orange

Anther color: White/yellow

Pistils: Green

Stigma: Pink

Ovaries: Triangular in shape

I claim:

1. A new and distinct cultivar of Lily plant named 'Corso', as illustrated and described herein.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A new and distinct cultivar of Lily plant named 'Corso' characterized by its large erected flowers with long petals and curly edges, soft red-purple color with contrasting yellow/green mid-vein, vigorous growth and long lasting quality.



DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the new and distinct plant variety which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

LILY PLANT NAMED 'CORSO'

the specification of which (check one)

☒ is attached hereto.

☐ was filed on _____ as Application Serial No. _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I state that I have invented, or discovered in a cultivated area, and/or asexually reproduced the new and distinct plant variety.

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PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	Priority Claimed

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120, of any United States application(s) listed below and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States Applications in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(Appln. Serial No.)

(Filing Date)


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I hereby appoint as my attorneys, with full powers of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Stephen A. Bent, Reg. No. 29,768; David A. Blumenthal, Reg. No. 26,257; William T. Ellis, Reg. No. 26,874; John J. Feldhaus, Reg. No. 28,822; Patricia D. Granados, Reg. No. 33,683; John P. Isacson, Reg. No. 33,715; Peter G. Mack, Reg. No. 26,001; Brian J. McNamara, Reg. No. 32,789; Sybil Meloy, Reg. No. 22,749; Richard C. Peet, Reg. No. 35,792; George E. Quillin, Reg. No. 32,792; Colin G. Sandercock, Reg. No. 31,298; Bernhard D. Saxe, Reg. No. 28,665; Charles F. Schill, Reg. No. 27,590; Richard L. Schwaab, Reg. No. 25,479; Arthur Schwartz, Reg. No. 22,115; Harold C. Wegner, Reg. No. 25,258.

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